IN THE UNITED STATES PAPENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Takayuki Araki et al.

Serial Number: 09/095,842

Filed: June 11, 1998

AQUEOUS DISPERSION OF VINYLIDENE For:

FLUORIDE POLYMER AND PREPARATION

PROCESS THEREOF

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

January 17, 2000

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Examiner: P. Szekely

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official Action mailed July 18, 2000. The Official Action mailed July 18, 2000, set forth a three-month period for response, and this Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time extends the period of response to January 18, 2001.

A check in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$890.00) is attached hereto for payment of the fee for this Three-Month Extension of Time.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

> Respectfully submitted. VARNDELL & VARNDELL, PLLC (formerly Varndell Legal Group)

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